

Fifth Sunday of Easter Traditional Order of Worship

Sunday, April 28, 2024 11:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

CHIMES **Bell Peal** Handbell Choir

PRELUDE **Praise to the Lord!** arr. Hanson

WELCOME Bro. Dan Leslie

CALL TO WORSHIP Bro. Leslie

L: Lord Jesus, by your wounds you have healed us.
P: You have brought us from paths of fear and denial.
 L: You have redeemed us that we might be a blessing to others.
P: Today we worship you in great joy.
 L: We remember the ways you have turned our failures into victory.
P: We give thanks to you forever. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN **He Lives** No. 310

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

WE PROCLAIM

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER Bro. Leslie

CHOIR ANTHEM **Take Up Your Cross** Rasley

OFFERTORY INVITATION AND PRAYER Bro. Leslie
 (Please register your attendance in the red booklet at the end of each pew.)

OFFERTORY **Down by the Salley Gardens** (Irish Melody) arr. Krug
 Bells & Oboe Embellishment | Stephanie Carlson, Oboe

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Mr. Colin Moore
 (Children age 3 through 3rd grade are invited to come down front for the children's message and to attend Children's Church. Pick up after service in God's Big Backyard located on the lower level.)

*HYMN **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** No. 381

*SCRIPTURE READING **John 21:1-19** Pastor Jeff Rudy

SERMON **Back to Square One** Pastor Jeff Rudy

WE RESPOND

*HYMN OF INVITATION **Jesus Calls Us** No. 398

*ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION Pastor Jeff Rudy

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE **I Know That My Redeemer Liveth** Payne

*You are invited to stand, as you are able.

Dr. Todd E. Hill, Chancel Choir & Traditional Worship Director | Joan Bowker, Organist

Memorials

In memory of **Mitch Gibbs** by:

Larry & Joyce Eastwood; John & Sherry Purdom; Jim & Martha Green

In memory of **Ronnie Pool** by:

Larry & Joyce Eastwood; Jim & Martha Green; Gordon & Jane Griffin

In memory of **Harold Finn** and **Gene & Carol Wimberley** by:

Daryl & Dee Keezer

Our Financial Stewardship and Attendance

Received week of April 21, 2024: \$10,676.46

Giving YTD: \$182,077.00	Budget YTD: \$218,461.40
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Attendance from Last Sunday

Worship Services: 252	Sunday School: 96
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Next week's **Communion Offering** will support the Golden Cross Senior Ministries – a Christian ministry that uses individual donations to provide for the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of seniors living in the affordable housing, independent living and assisted living communities, provided by Wesley Living. Our giving specifically supports the needs of the Murray Wesley Housing residents.

Ushers

This Week (4/28)	Next Week (5/5)
Early Light: 4 th Sunday Team	Early Light: Mike Nutter Team
Traditional: Adult Ministry Team	Traditional: Linda Scott Team

Candle Burning Ceremony | Forms Due May 6

Every year the United Women in Faith support a church-wide candle burning to honor and/or remember loved ones in our lives. This year the candle burning ceremony will be on Mother's Day – May 12th. For a donation of \$5 per person or group, you can have your loved one(s) included in this ceremony. *Pick up a form in the church office and drop off the form along with your donation to Kendra in the church office by May 6th.* The names of those you choose to honor or memorialize will be included in the bulletin insert on Mother's Day. Please make checks out to UMW. All donations will be forwarded to the United Women in Faith global mission efforts for women and children in the United States and around the world.

Mother's Day Concert | May 12

At 2:30 PM Sunday, May 12, 2024, Todd Hill and his Orchestra will present their fifth annual Mother's Day Concert at Murray First United Methodist Church. The big band is in its 41st year and will feature Kayla Marie Little on vocals, Derek Jones on clarinet and alto saxophone, John Madole on drums along with sixteen more professional musicians from throughout the region (and beyond). The concert is free, and will be performed to raise funds through a love offering for the church's Choral Scholars Program, which assists Murray State music students with their studies in exchange for serving in the Chancel Choir at FUMC, while learning to serve as church leaders themselves. Todd says, "It doesn't matter how many of the concerts you've attending before, this show will pack a lot of new material for you that you haven't seen or heard before, including a centenary salute to the Roaring 20s, a World War II Tribute, and many more surprises."



KIDS IN FAITH | WEDNESDAY NIGHT (for K – 6th grade)

Drop off at 5 PM in the Gym for dinner.
On the menu: Chicken Nuggets

Series: *Throwback* – Come dressed in your favorite 1970s style!
Pick up in God's Big Backyard at 7 PM.

DayShore | June 3-7

Online registration is open for DayShore!

DayShore is an opportunity for campers to experience the joy of summer camp within their own community. Together, Lakeshore Camp and Retreat Center and the church, work to provide a Christ-centered week filled with hands-on lessons about God.



Scan the QR code for more information and to register!
Able to volunteer? Contact Colin (kids@murrayfirst.org | (270) 753-3812).

Vacation Bible School | July 8-12

Dive below the surface into an amazing undersea adventure where kids experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God.



Registration is open for participants and volunteers.
Scan the QR code for more information and how to register!

SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP 456 (for 4th – 6th grade)

See you at 5 PM tonight. Drop off in the gym.
Pick up by the playground at 7 PM.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

June 3-7 – DayShore
June 24 – Camping Trip
July 8-12 – Vacation Bible School
July 24 – Evansville, IN Day Trip



SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

See you at 5 PM tonight in the gym!

YOUTH IN FAITH | WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Dinner in the gym at 5 PM | On the menu: Chicken Nuggets
Worship at 5:45 PM followed by our lesson/discussion.

APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP | MAY 27-30, 2024

If you are going on the mission trip, please sign up online
(murrayfirst.org/forms) or on the sign up sheet located on the bulletin board outside the church office.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

June 3-7 – DayShore Volunteer Opportunity
June 12 – Holiday World
June 20 – Special Needs Day at the Fair – Volunteer Opportunity
July 8-12 – Vacation Bible School Volunteer Opportunity
July 17 – Mammoth Cave

Welcome

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today at Murray First UMC! If you are visiting with us for the first time and are searching for a church home, you are welcome. Please fill out the Guest Connection Card and place it in the offering baskets. Returning guests, regular attendees and members, please register your attendance in the red booklet at the end of each pew. As you begin your worship, we invite you to study the bulletin for upcoming activities and persons to include in your silent prayer of intercession and thanksgiving. Remember the volunteers and staff members who make our corporate action possible: ushers, acolytes, custodial and support staff, musicians, clergy, and yourself, so that in our common worship, God may be glorified.

Interested in Becoming a Member?

If you are interested in joining the church or have questions about what it means to be a United Methodist, contact Pastor Jeff (pastor@murrayfirst.com or 270-753-3812).

Nursery Care

The nursery is available during worship services for children ages 0-3. The nursery is located west of the Sanctuary. Look for Noah and his friends on the Ark! If you need help finding the nursery, ask one of our friendly ushers.



Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study Resumes May 1

We will resume our Wednesday meeting on May 1 at 1:00 PM. We meet in the CLC Conference Room. Please read Psalm 8 for discussion.

Appalachia Mission Trip Sign-up Closes May 1st!

Be a part of our 18th mission trip to Henderson Settlement from May 27-30, 2024. Our main mission project is working on repairs to a home. There will be something to do for everyone regardless of individual skill levels. This is a great opportunity to put your Christian faith to work. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the church office or you may sign up online (murrayfirst.org/forms). Deadline to sign up and pay is May 1. Cost: Youth \$125 | Adults \$250
Pay online (<https://bit.ly/3Xn0C4X>) or by check.
Note payment for Appalachia Mission Trip.
Questions? Contact Patricia Parrish (parrishpatricia@bellsouth.net | (270) 293-3858).

VBS Set Building Day | May 4

Join us Saturday as we begin building the set for Vacation Bible School! We will start at 8:00 AM and plan to finish up noon. Meet in the gym.

One Service Sunday | May 5

We will have ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10 AM on Sunday, May 5! Join us for this special worship service led by our youth. We will recognize our graduating seniors. Come and support our youth!

PRAYER CONCERNS

(As of April 25, 2024)

Brought to Our Attention

Howard & Ruth Brandon General Conference
Jan Nutter

Those journeying through cancer or long-term illness

Tony Bartley (Doug Crafton's brother-in-law) Greg McNutt
Dana Bazzell Virginia Schwettman
Stacy Bilodeau Jane Venice (Holly Bloodworth's mom)
Lucy Boss (5 year old in community) Stan Waller
Jackie Crihfield (Jill Andersen's sister) Pat Weatherly
Jane Hill Robbie Wilburn (Joyce Morrison's son-in-law)
Mike Faihst Emily Wilson (Katherine Gomez's sister)

Submit a prayer request using the prayer card in the pew racks or at murrayfirst.org/prayer-requests.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 28	
9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
12:30 PM	Community Kitchen
2:00 PM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
4:30 PM	Confirmation Class
5:00 PM	Men's Bible Fellowship (CLC Conference Room) Fellowship 456 (CLC Gym) Fellowship UMY (CLC Gym)
Monday, April 29	
3:30 PM	HOPE First (CLC Gym)
5:30 PM	Missions Committee Meeting (CLC Conf. Room)
Tuesday, April 30	
9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
9:30 AM	Quilters
Wednesday, May 1	
9:30 AM	Quilters
10:45 AM	Covenant Prayer Group (CLC Conference Room)
1:00 PM	Wednesday Bible Study (CLC Conference Room)
4:00 PM	Food Distribution (HELP House)
5:00 PM	UMKids (CLC Gym) UMYouth (CLC Gym)
6:15 PM	Handbell Choir
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
8:30 PM	Praise Team Practice
Thursday, May 2	
9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
Saturday, May 4	
8:00 AM	VBS Set Building Day (CLC Gym)
Sunday, May 5 – ONE WORSHIP SERVICE – 10 AM	

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Our Mission is to Love God. Love People.
Jeff Rudy, Senior Pastor
Jim Stahler, Visitation Pastor

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Welcome – Pastor Jeff Rudy

Jesus Loves Me / A Mighty Fortress is Our God

UMKids Handbells

Caleigh Chandler, Korra Grooms, Laya Lyons, Presley McClure, & Raylen Williams

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer – Pastor Jeff Rudy

Songs of Praise

Everlasting God

How Marvelous

We Share Our Offerings

Offertory Invitation and Prayer – Pastor Jeff Rudy

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Offertory Music – *Awesome God* – Praise Band

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message – Colin Moore

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Scripture Reading – **John 21:1-19**

Sermon – *Back to Square One* – Pastor Jeff Rudy

We Respond

Song of Response – *Build My Life*

Announcements and Benediction – Pastor Jeff Rudy

Departing Song